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Civil Society Reports: Countries under review at 2017 **High Level Political Forum**

Guiding Questions for a Template for CSO engagement for Voluntary National Review
at the UN High-level Political Forum (HLPF)

This template aims to identify what mechanisms are in place for government engagement with the SDGs, civil society, local governments, and current initiatives from all actors in realizing the SDGs at a national and international level.

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A. State of national government's preparation for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs – domestic and international

- 1. Which ministry (or other institution e.g. in the Prime Minister's office) is now leading or in charge of the planning for the domestic implementation of the SDGs in your country?**

The Ministry of sustainable development and infrastructure

- 2. Does your government have a policy framework on SDG implementation? Yes How does this relate to existing or other policy frameworks as national development plans?**

It relates to the existing national plan for sustainable development (plan national du développement durable) which will be updated in 2018 to make it in line with Agenda 2030.

- 3. Is there parliamentary/congressional scrutiny of the framework? If so please list the relevant committee and its activity**

No particular committee within the parliament to follow up on the implementation of the Agenda 2030.

- 4. Are local governments in your countries actively engaged in the 2030 Agenda / SDGs? If so, how.**

No, so far only the national government is aware, not the communes.



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B. CSO engagement with the government in the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

- 5. Is the full text of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs available in your local languages? Which language(s)? Who translated it?**

Yes, the A2030 is available in German and French. Not in Luxembourgish though.

- 6. Was there any invitation to public consultation on the voluntary national review at HLPF? If so, who was invited?**

No, not at all (despite our call to the national coordinator to involve different actors of society).

- 7. Have there been any other ways in which civil society has been able to contribute to the implementation, monitoring or review, including national reporting at HLPF?**

Our organisation was interviewed for the inventory of existing initiatives per SDG.

No other involvement of CSO so far in the implementation or head of the HLPF.

- 8. Has your government invited CSO representatives to be a member of its delegation to participate in the HLPF 2017 and/or make a presentation at the VNR?**

No, despite our reminder that Germany did so last year.

- 9. In case you say “YES”, has your government provided financial support for this participation?**

C. CSO national coalition-building for the implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development / SDGs

- 10. Is there any CSO national platform or network focusing on the SDGs?**

Our organisation, the national platform of development NGOs, and some of our member organisations are working on the SDGs.

- 11. Are there national platforms that work on specific goals or targets?**

We do not work on specific goals or targets but rather on the Agenda as a whole. Development NGOs working on DEAR are focussing on global education and citizenship education (SDG 4.7.)

- 12. Have you had a regular policy dialogue with relevant government ministries during the preparation and since the adaption of the 2030 Agenda?**

Regular policy dialogue with the Ministry of development cooperation ahead and since New York September 2015.

One single information session by the Ministry for sustainable development and



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infrastructure on implementation plans in Luxembourg (on Feb 16th 2017). No regular exchanges or updates though.

D. CSOs own implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development/SDGs

13. How far are CSOs developing their own plans on implementation of the agenda in your country?

Some development NGOs are incorporating the agenda in their current activities and future strategies. Low level of awareness though among environmental or human rights NGOs.

14. Are there particular case studies of effective delivery by CSOs already underway?

Yes, a consortium of development NGOs conducted a study with an inventory of activities on the SDG 4.7. (global education for sustainable development).

15. Are there challenges to prevent CSO delivery of this agenda in your country?

Yes.

16. What is the engagement of other stakeholders like the private sector in the national implementation plan? Is there a broader partnership across sectors for implementation? Have any challenges or opportunities been identified in terms of broader partnerships?

No. No involvement of other actors of Luxembourg society yet.

17. Is there any clear national plan in terms of funding the delivery of the 2030 Agenda?

No.